

Environmental Grant Opportunities
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
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Grant Program	Environmental Justice (EJ) Small Grant	EJ State and Tribal Grant	EJ through Pollution Prevention (EJP2)	Environmental Education (EE)	Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots
Purpose	To assist eligible groups that are working on or plan to carry out projects to address environmental justice issues.	A new grant program created to provide financial assistance to state and tribal environmental departments that are working to address environmental justice issues	To empower low income, minority communities through education on environmental issues and provide pollution prevention resources for addressing these issues.	To provide financial support for projects which design, demonstrate or disseminate environmental education practices, methods or techniques.	To empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together to prevent, assess, safely cleanup, and sustainably reuse brownfields.
Eligible Applicants	Any affected community group, church, school, non-profit organization, university, Federally-recognized Tribe, Federal, State or local government. Organizations must be incorporated.	Any state or tribal agency that manages, or is eligible to manage, any EPA program, which has expressed interest in working with community-based grassroots organizations and other EJ stakeholders to address environmental justice concerns in communities.	Any nonprofit organization incorporated under IRS tax code 501(c)(3), Federally-recognized Tribe, state, or local government organization.	Local, tribal, or state education agencies, colleges & universities, non-profit organizations, state environmental agencies, & non-commercial educational broadcasting agencies.	States, cities, towns, counties, territories, & Tribes are eligible to apply.
Award Amount	Up to \$15,000 per grant or up to \$20,000 per SF project	up to \$100,000 per grant	Up to \$100,000 per grant	Up to \$25,000 EPA R6 \$25,001-\$250,000 HQ	Up to \$200,000 over 2 years
Awarded in FY 98	Approx. \$160,000 awarded regionally in FY 98	\$500,000 awarded in FY 98			
Matching Share	No matching funds required.	No matching funds required, but are encouraged	No match for non-profits or Tribes; 25% state/local gov'ts.	25% match required.	No matching share required.
Key Dates:	Call for dates First Friday in March 1999 Award Date 10/1/99	Call for dates	Call for dates Due in April Award Date 10/1/99	Call for dates	Call for dates
Priorities	Projects must address two or more: - Facilitate communication & info exchange and create partnerships among stakeholders to address disproportionate, high & adverse environmental exposure. - Build community capacity to identify local environmental justice problems & involve the community in the design and implementation of activities to address these concerns. - Enhance community understanding of and access to environmental and public health information systems (e.g. Toxic Release Inventory and Geographic Information Systems). - Develop and demonstrate a practice or method that addresses an EJ issue.	- Develop or enhance a program to work directly with communities to improve the State's or tribe's compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in the development & implementation of environmental programs. And, or - Develop a model State or tribal Environmental Justice executive order, strategic plan, and/or conduct studies, analyses, and training in the development of a State or tribal environmental justice program	- Projects by community based organizations & local governments that improve the environmental quality of affected communities using pollution prevention as a primary solution. - Proposals that encourage institutionalization & innovative use of pollution prevention as the preferred approach for addressing environmental justice issues, & whose activities and products can be supplied to other communities.	Demonstrate how the proposed project is new or improved, has the potential for wide application and addresses a high priority environmental issue. Focus on ONE of the following: - improve environmental education teaching skills; - educate teachers, students or the public about human health problems; - build capacity to develop environmental education programs; - promote environmental careers among students; - educate the public through a community-based organization; or through print and other media; - educate low income or culturally-diverse audiences about environmental issues.	- Pilots test cleanup and redevelopment planning models, direct efforts toward removing regulatory barriers without sacrificing protectiveness, and facilitate cleanup and development efforts at the federal, state and local level. - Encourages community groups, investors, lenders, developers, & other parties to jointly develop solutions to assess & clean up contaminated sites for re-use.
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Grant Program	Climate Change Action Plan	Superfund Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs)	Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Control	Water Pollution Control	Sustainable Development Challenge Grants (SDCG)
Purpose	To focus on source reduction, recycling and composting that furthers goals contained in State/local Government Climate Change Mitigation Plans.	To enable communities affected by a site on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) to obtain technical assistance in interpreting information regarding the site.	To control and prevent water quality impacts due to nonpoint source pollution. Treatment in a manner similar to state approval is required.	To administer programs for the prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution. Treatment in a manner similar to state approval is required. CWA §106	To encourage sustainable development efforts that protect the local environment & conserve natural resources while supporting a healthy economy and an improved quality of life.
Eligible Applicants	States, Tribes, local governments, and incorporated non-profits	Groups must be located near or affected by a site that is either proposed for or on the National Priorities List. All groups must be incorporated as nonprofit organizations.	Non-profits, local governments, Tribes, special districts, educational institutions, and State agencies.	State agencies and Federally-recognized Tribes.	-Incorporated non-profits - Local governments (cities and counties) - Tribes - Educational Institutions - States, Territories, and Possessions
Award Amount	\$10,000 - \$200,000	Up to \$50,000 per site annually	Variable	Variable	No minimum
Awarded in FY 98	Formal program began in FY96		\$350,000 nationally	\$14,790,000 nationally \$1,140,000 regionally	\$5,000,000 nationally
Matching Share	20% match required	20% match required	40% match required.	5% match required	20% match required
Key Dates:	Call for dates	Applications may be submitted after a site is proposed for listing on the NPL.	Varies	Call for dates Awarded by July 1	Call for dates
Priorities	Emphasis placed on measurability of projects, in terms of volumes of waste reduced to be translated into greenhouse gas reductions.	- Because only one grant is available for each NPL site, EPA encourages groups to consolidate in order to provide technical assistance to the most widely representative group of individuals possible. - To this end, EPA notifies the community via a public notice in the local newspaper if an application is received from an eligible group.	- Solving priority water quality problems and/or protecting high quality waters. - Comprehensive local watershed management - Enhancing aquatic and riparian ecosystems - Public education and outreach - Collaboration and coordination among multiple interests - Volunteer monitoring A tribe must have an EPA approved nonpoint source assessment report and management program identified in CWA §319.	- Monitoring - Developing and revising water quality standards - Supporting water quality planning and program development - planning for nonpoint source programs	EPA is looking for projects that: - use proactive, innovative approaches to protect the environment while providing economic benefits. - are supported by and involve diverse interests in the community. - have measurable environmental and economic results. - foster long-term investments in local sustainability efforts.
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